

General Assembly

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Offered by:

SEN. FORMICA, 20th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 705

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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF PANDEMIC AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS."

After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) As used in this section, (1) "personal protective equipment" means specialized clothing or 4 5 equipment worn for protection against infectious disease, including, but 6 not limited to, protective equipment for the eyes, face, head and 7 extremities, protective clothing and protective shields and barriers, (2) 8 "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World 9 Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any 10 related mutation thereof recognized by the World Health Organization 11 as a communicable respiratory disease, and (3) "state agency" means any 12 office, department, board, council, commission, institution, constituent 13 unit of the state system of higher education, technical education and 14 career school or other agency in the executive, legislative or judicial 15 branch of state government.

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(b) Not later than July 15, 2021, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall compile, and thereafter periodically update, a list of companies domiciled in this state that during the public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020, under sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the general statutes due to COVID-19 and any extension of such declarations, changed the company's business model to produce personal protective equipment to respond to COVID-19. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, on and after August 1, 2021, any state agency purchasing personal protective equipment shall make reasonable efforts to purchase not less than twenty-five per cent of such personal protective equipment from companies on such list. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply if such equipment is not available for purchase from a company on such list or that does not meet the requirements of the purchasing state agency.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to (1) require the purchase of personal protective equipment that is expired or that does not otherwise meet recognized industry standards, or (2) waive any applicable competitive bidding requirements for purchases of personal protective equipment."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:			
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Sec. 501	from passage	New section	